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**The California Department of Housing and Community Development Announces
\$3.5 Million in Federal Funds to Cities within Imperial County for CDBG Program**

Sacramento - Today the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced awards totaling more than \$3.5 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for eligible economic and community development in Imperial County.

This award is part of \$50 million awarded by the CDBG Federal Program to 42 cities and counties statewide. Over \$14 million will also be made available for Economic Development Over-the-Counter (OTC) awards over the coming fiscal year.

The Cities of Brawley and Westmorland were awarded more than \$3.5 million for fire station equipment and water/sewer improvements, program administration, and planning.

"These awards are an important element in strengthening our small California communities," said HCD Acting Director, Randall A. Deems. "HCD is proud to help cities and counties provide public services and improvements which will have a huge impact on the future of their residents."

HCD administers the distribution of CDBG funds to smaller and rural communities from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These awards will provide homebuyer assistance and rehabilitation of substandard housing, and fund public works projects such as waterline installations, water and sewage treatment system improvements, senior day care facilities, fire stations and medical clinics in smaller cities and rural communities that often lack access to other types of financial resources.

A listing of awarded jurisdictions and the scope of their projects is on the following page.

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The California Department of Housing and Community Development is dedicated to the preservation and expansion of safe and affordable housing so more Californians have a place to call home. Our team works to ensure an adequate supply of housing for Californians and promotes the growth of strong communities through its leadership, policy and program development. For more information, please visit www.hcd.ca.gov.

**California Department of Housing and Community Development
CDBG Awards**

County of Imperial

City of Brawley

Activity Delivery - Fire Station/Equipment	\$34,453
Activity Delivery - Water/Sewer Improvements	\$149,502
Fire Station/Equipment	\$430,663
General Program Administration	\$139,535
Water/Sewer Improvements	\$1,245,847

City of Westmorland

Activity Delivery - Water/Sewer Improvements	\$103,359
General Program Administration	\$109,884
Planning Only	\$69,767
Water/Sewer Improvements	\$1,291,990

County total:	\$3,575,000
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